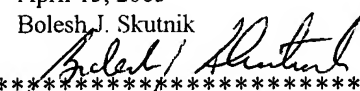


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action date October 20, 2004, having a shortened three (3) month statutory period for response which expired January 20, 2005, we have attached a petition to extend the reply time by 3 months. We request that you please accept the following remarks as to the above-identified patent application:

**Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this submission.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this submission.